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CRADLEY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Colley Lane
Cradley
B63 2TN

Cradley Liberal Club was renamed as Cradley Sports and Social Club in 2011. Founder club member Joseph Tranter was the first Cradley man to be killed in action during the first world war and an inscribed memorial photograph of him hangs in the main club room.

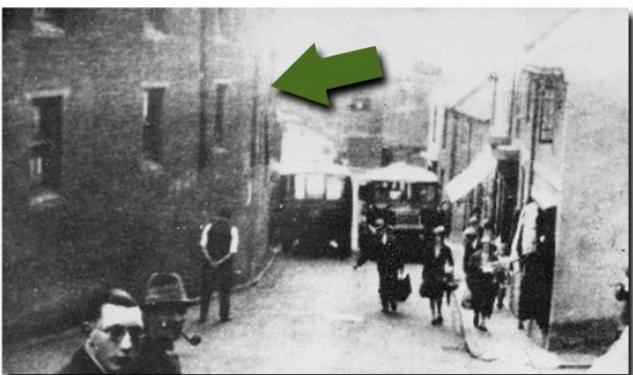


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ANVIL YARD

Colley Lane Cradley B63 2TS

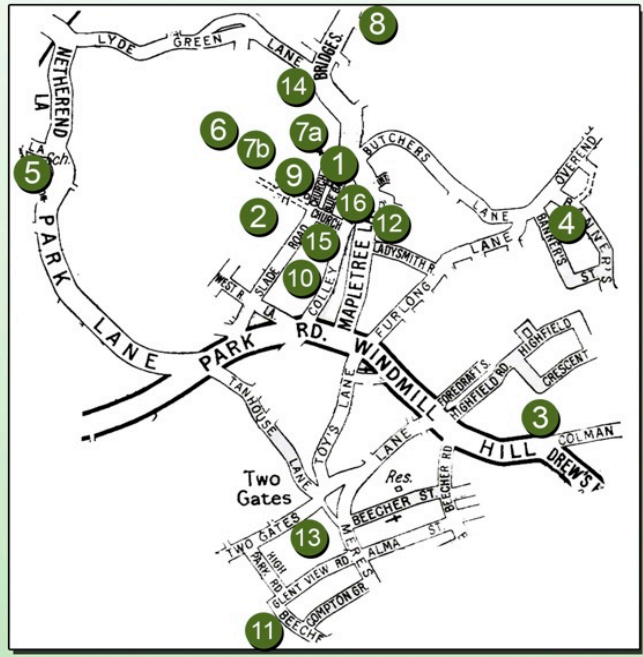


The Anvil Yard (or Purser's Yard) was made up of 17 dwellings. Most of the occupants were the age of 10 years made chain. Women and children worked in the yard whilst the men worked in nearby chain works. The Yard was demolished in August 1931 and a park was created in its place in memory of the people who lived and worked there.

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CRADLEY MEMORIALS HERITAGE TRAIL

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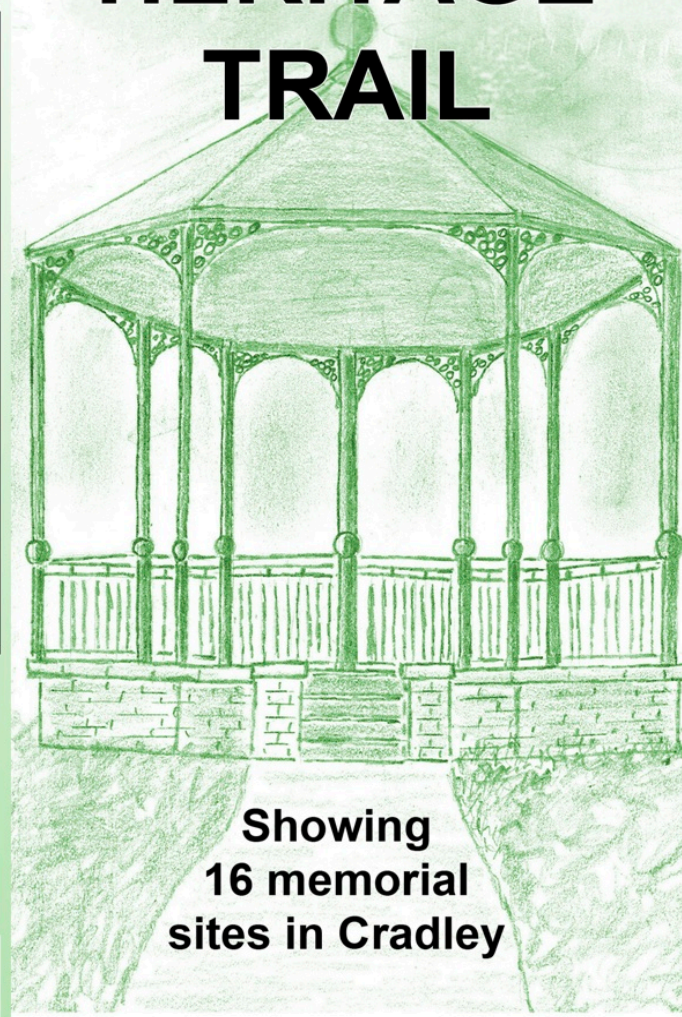
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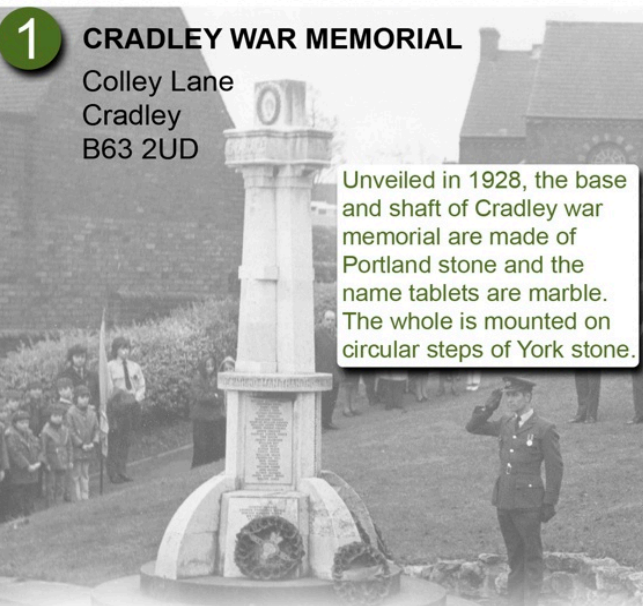


CRADLEY MEMORIALS HERITAGE TRAIL



Showing
16 memorial
sites in Cradley

Illustration of Band Stand by Jim Round



1 CRADLEY WAR MEMORIAL
 Colley Lane
 Cradley
 B63 2UD

Unveiled in 1928, the base and shaft of Cradley war memorial are made of Portland stone and the name tablets are marble. The whole is mounted on circular steps of York stone.

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2 HOMER HILL PARK Slade Road, Cradley
 B63 2UP

After the Great War (1914-1918) on 14th June 1920 land was bought by Ben Hodgetts (chainmaker) at auction as a war memorial, for recreational use. On 11th October 1922 it was conveyed under covenant to the Parish Council of Cradley, forming Homer Hill Recreation Ground Trust. Land to the east left vacant following the closure of Cradley Colliery in 1927 was transferred in 1934 to the Urban District Council to extend and improve the park.

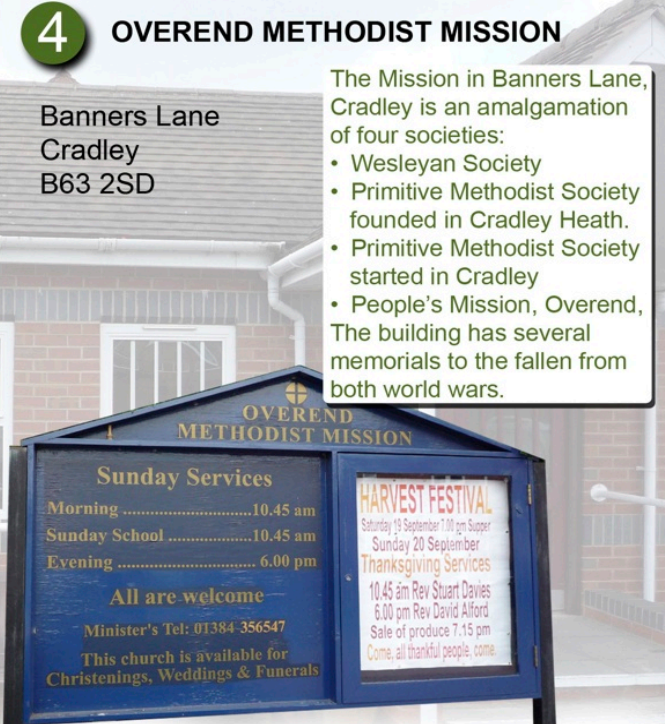
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3 BERNARD OAKLEY MEMORIAL PARK
 Colman Hill Cradley B63 2AH

The 3 acre Dutch ornamental style park was presented to the Borough of Halesowen on Saturday, 27th June 1953 by the parents of Bernard Oakley, aged 25, killed in action at Overloon in Holland on October 16th 1944.

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4 OVEREND METHODIST MISSION

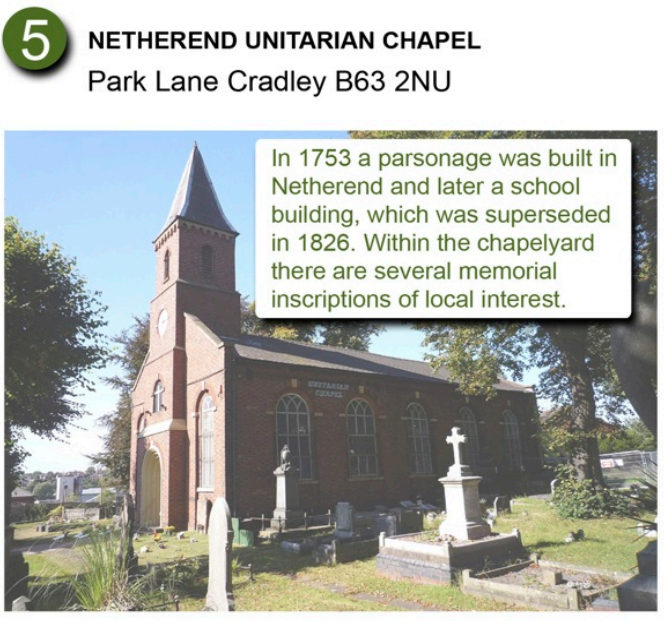
Banners Lane
 Cradley
 B63 2SD

The Mission in Banners Lane, Cradley is an amalgamation of four societies:

- Wesleyan Society
- Primitive Methodist Society founded in Cradley Heath.
- Primitive Methodist Society started in Cradley
- People's Mission, Overend,

The building has several memorials to the fallen from both world wars.

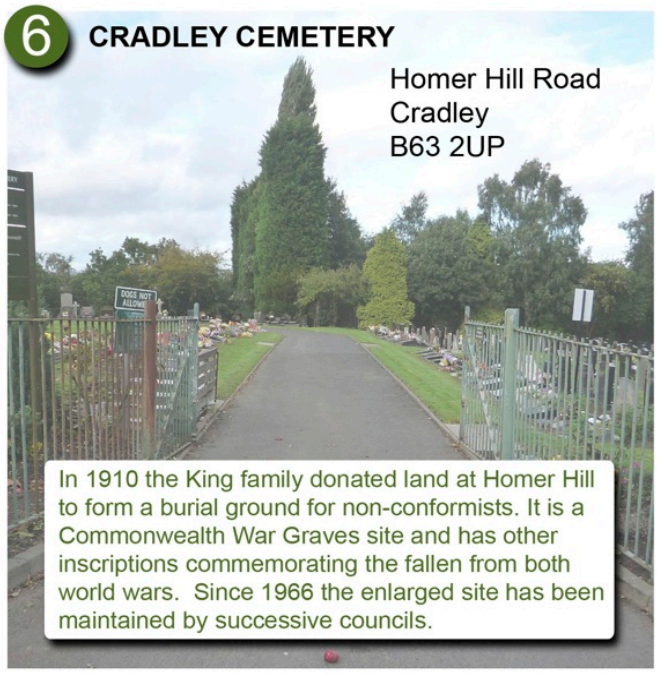
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5 NETHEREND UNITARIAN CHAPEL
 Park Lane Cradley B63 2NU

In 1753 a parsonage was built in Netherend and later a school building, which was superseded in 1826. Within the chapelyard there are several memorial inscriptions of local interest.

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6 CRADLEY CEMETERY
 Homer Hill Road
 Cradley
 B63 2UP

In 1910 the King family donated land at Homer Hill to form a burial ground for non-conformists. It is a Commonwealth War Graves site and has other inscriptions commemorating the fallen from both world wars. Since 1966 the enlarged site has been maintained by successive councils.

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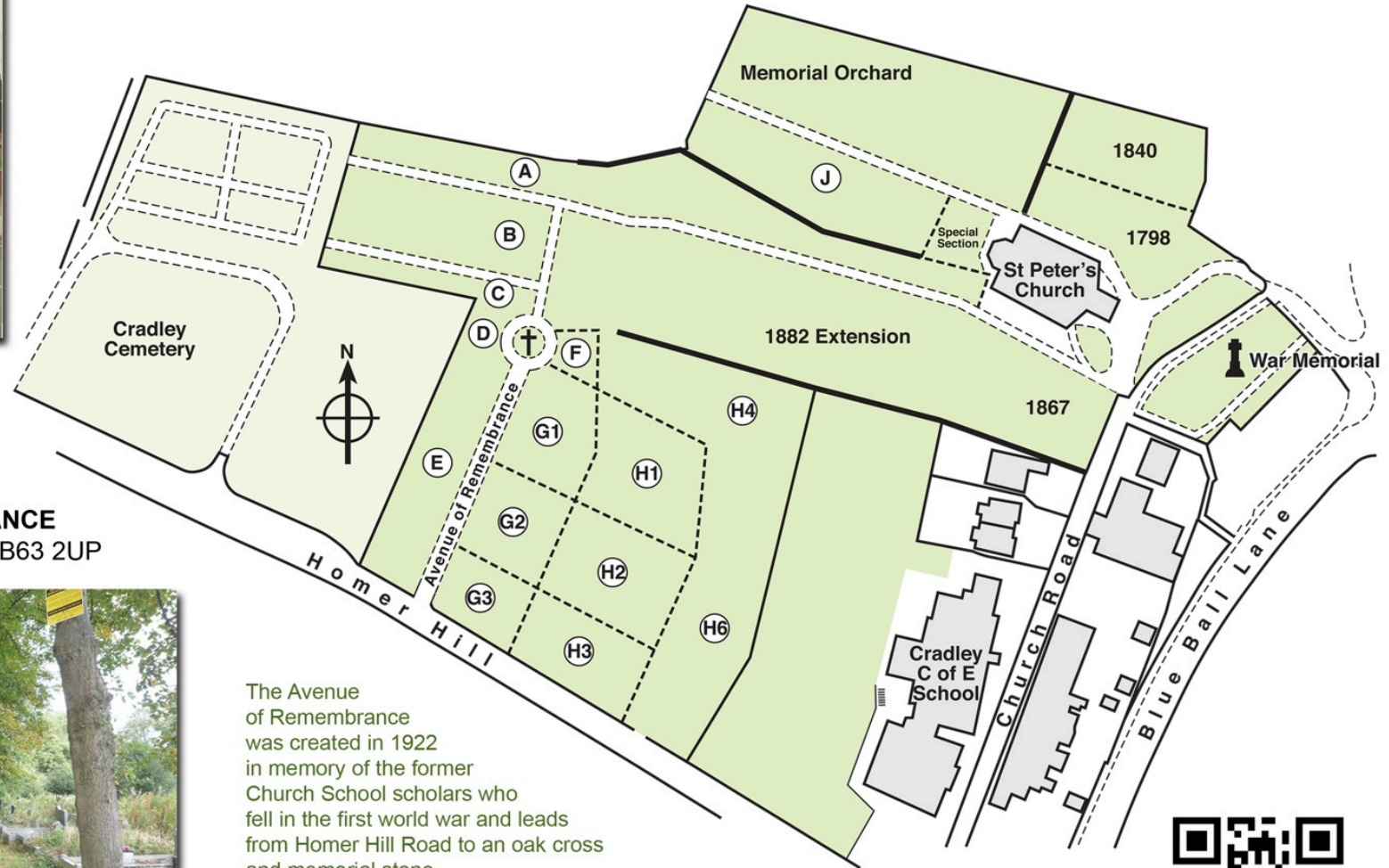
ST PETER'S CHURCH

Church Road Cradley B63 2UL



Work began to build an independent chapel in 1789 and it was first opened in 1791. It differs from other churches in that it faces southwest rather than east. The building became Anglican and was consecrated in 1798 by the Bishop of Worcester. It houses several memorial tablets and the Cradley Royal British Legion Memorial War Plaques.

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AVENUE OF REMEMBRANCE

Homer Hill Road Cradley B63 2UP



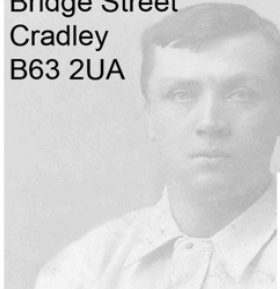
The Avenue of Remembrance was created in 1922 in memory of the former Church School scholars who fell in the first world war and leads from Homer Hill Road to an oak cross and memorial stone.

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8 STEVE BLOOMER MEMORIAL

Bridge Street
Cradley
B63 2UA



The memorial to the world's first football superstar stands opposite where he was born in 1874.

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CRADLEY CofE SCHOOL 9



Church Road
Cradley
B63 2UL

The first part of the Church School was built in 1854 on the south side of St Peter's Church. The extended building houses a commemorative war plaque to former pupils.

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10 COLLEY LANE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Colley Lane Cradley B63 2TN



The school buildings house a commemorative plaque to the fallen in both world wars.

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11 CASLON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Beeches View Avenue
Cradley
B63 2ES



The 50th Anniversary Garden was opened on 2nd October 2003 and dedicated to the memory of Hazel Willetts JP who worked with the children of the school.

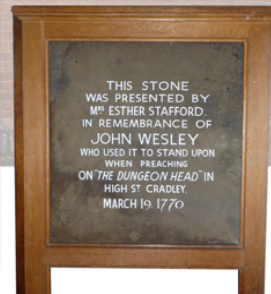
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12 HIGH TOWN RAGGED SCHOOL

Mapletree Lane Cradley B63 2BT

High Town
Ragged School
Chapel, Cradley

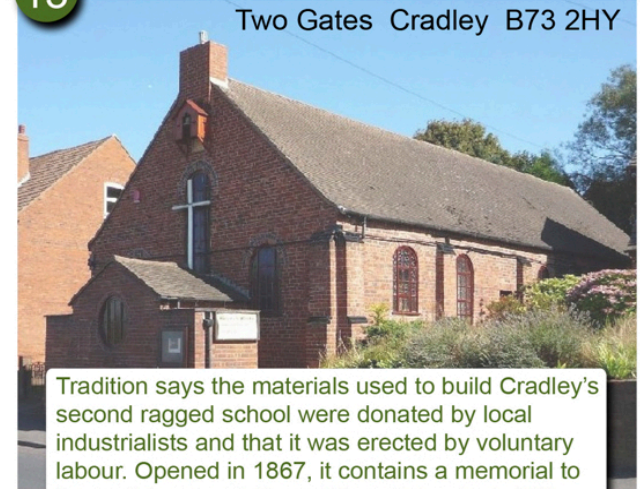
High Town Ragged School buildings were opened on Friday 29th May 1863 and provided entirely free education to poor people raggedly clothed. The main hall houses a stone commemorating a visit to Cradley by John Wesley and other memorials to Noah Hingley and Thomas Crowther.



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13 TWO GATES RAGGED SCHOOL

Two Gates Cradley B73 2HY

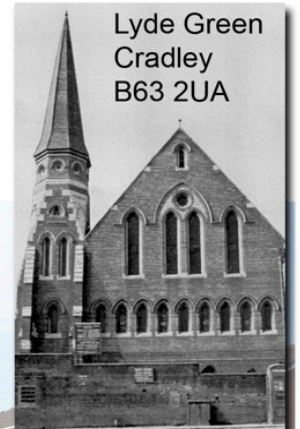


Tradition says the materials used to build Cradley's second ragged school were donated by local industrialists and that it was erected by voluntary labour. Opened in 1867, it contains a memorial to former Mayor and Chapel Superintendent, Cliff Willetts, OBE.

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14 TRINITY WESLEYAN WALL

In 1766 a small society of Wesleyan Methodists was formed in Cradley. In 1826 the chapel at Lyde Green was opened but it closed in 1998. Some of the inscribed memorial bricks from Trinity have been set in the wall built by the housing developer that separates the houses on Lyde Green from the main road (B4173).



Lyde Green
Cradley
B63 2UA

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